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## *National News*

### [USA Today](#) — CDC: Sexually transmitted disease rates are rising

The most commonly reported sexually transmitted diseases reached an all-time high in 2015, according to the annual Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance Report released Wednesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Between 2014 and 2015, cases of primary and secondary syphilis grew 19%, gonorrhea grew 12.8% and chlamydia grew 5.9%, according to the report. The CDC blames state and local STD program budget cuts for the rise.

### [Kaiser Health News](#) — Burwell Says Upcoming Enrollment Efforts Are Pivotal For Health Law

Rate hikes are likely on the way for plans offered on the health law's online exchanges, or marketplaces. Consumers' out-of-pocket costs are expected to climb, and some major insurers are pulling out. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell Wednesday acknowledged that the Affordable Care Act's fourth enrollment season, scheduled to begin Nov. 1 and run until Jan. 31, is a pivotal time for President Barack Obama's signature domestic policy achievement.

### [The Washington Post](#) — ACA enrollment to rise by 1 million next year, Obama administration projects

Obama administration officials are predicting that the number of Americans with private health insurance through the Affordable Care Act will increase by about 1 million in 2017, an upbeat final forecast for the president's signature domestic achievement before he leaves office. Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell said Wednesday that an estimated 11.4 million people, on average, will have health plans from the law's insurance exchanges during the coming year. The forecast is more optimistic than those of some outside analysts, who predict

that enrollment growth will slow or even backslide.

### [The Atlantic](#) — The Delayed Gratification of Obamacare

With the national rate of uninsured people at historic lows, why isn't Obamacare more popular? Over the course of the last two years, which saw around 20 million Americans gain health insurance coverage, public opinion of the Affordable Care Act nevertheless remains negative. Its unfavorability rating in a Kaiser Family Foundation poll hovered at 47 percent in both September 2014 and 2016, and over the same time span favorability has increased from 35 percent to just 44 percent, though it was higher in 2015 than today.

### [The Philadelphia Inquirer](#) — CDC approves the two-dose HPV vaccine, instead of three

In a move that could boost HPV vaccination rates, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Wednesday said younger adolescents need only two doses of the vaccine, rather than three as previously recommended.

### [Five Thirty Eight](#) — Small Island, Big Experiment

Oxitec is now cleared to conduct a trial of its mosquitoes in the United States. But earlier this year, amid growing concern from some residents about the use of genetically modified mosquitoes, the Mosquito Control District Board of Commissioners — five elected officials who oversee mosquito-control efforts for the whole of the Keys — made what one commissioner described as a relatively rash decision: The board would let the public choose whether to go forward with the research.

### [Rewire](#) — A Window Into Texas' Publicly Funded Fake Abortion Clinics

"She stated she was going to have an abortion," they wrote—using the pseudonym "Angel" to protect the client's identity—in a report that the clinic filed to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission in July 2015. While its website advertises "free lab quality medical test[s] and medically accurate information" about pregnancy and abortion, the Paris center is not an abortion provider. In fact, it participates in Texas' Alternatives to Abortion Program, whose goal, as its name suggests, is to divert women from seeking or obtaining abortion. The program will receive \$18.3 million in state funding over two years.

## *Opinion*

### [The Arizona Republic](#) — My Turn: Obamacare is imperfect but worth building on

It has become commonplace to play political football with the Affordable Care Act. While the system isn't perfect, it's important that we take stock of the advances spurred by the ACA, acknowledge its shortcomings, and work together to construct a system that provides high-quality care and healthier results for all.

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